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Applicants: Soderlund, H. *et al.*

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**SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.129 IN REPLY
TO MAY 28, 1999 FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir or Madam:

Applicants respectfully request that this Submission and the following amendments be
entered and considered together with the accompanying remarks in response to the Final Office

Action mailed on May 28, 1999 in the above-identified application.

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A reply to the May 28, 1999 Final Office Action was originally due by August 28, 1999.

Accordingly, Applicants enclose herewith a three-month extension of time, to and including
November 29, 1999, within which to reply to the Final Office Action along with a check for

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\$870.00. Therefore, the due date for filing a Reply to the May 28, 1999 Final Office Action is now November 29, 1999, since November 28, 1999 falls on a Sunday, and this Amendment and Submission are timely filed.

Moreover, pursuant to the provisions of C.F.R. § 1.129(a), Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the finality of the May 28, 1999 Office Action. The fee for this Request under CFR § 1.17(r) is \$760.00 and a check for \$760.00 is enclosed herewith in payment of the required fee.

In the event that entry of this Submission is not granted for any reason and the finality of the May 28, 1999 Office Action is maintained. Applicants are filing herewith a Notice of Appeal. If the finality of the May 28, 1999 Office Action is withdrawn, it is requested that the Notice of Appeal not be entered or be dismissed.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the subject application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 51-69 to read as follows:

Sub. 51. [Three times amended]. A reagent kit for detecting the presence of a specific nucleotide at a predetermined position in a target nucleic acid polymer, comprising: a target nucleic acid polymer; a polymerizing agent; a labeled nucleotide complementary to a specific nucleotide at a predetermined position in the target nucleic acid polymer; and an oligonucleotide detection primer having a nucleotide sequence complementary to and capable of hybridizing to a region in